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State Mottoes of the Week

Florida: *Ask Us About Our Grandkids*

Idaho: *More Than Just Potatoes ... Well Okay, We're Not, But The Potatoes Are Real Good*

Iowa: *We Do Amazing Things With Corn*

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Time again for our annual admonition:

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS BET ON BOWL GAMES

If you or someone you know is thinking about placing a wager on one or more bowl games—convincing yourselves that there's a too-good-to-be-true, sure thing—as Nancy Reagan told us, “Just say No.” Aside from the fact that these are still 18- to 22-year-olds and all the rest that befuddle predictions during the season, head coaches and others have fled the coop, the bowls’ “gift bags” and free food are another distraction, and that long layoff means who knows who will show up wearing your team’s jerseys in the next few weeks. Invest in a nice dinner with your favorite significant other instead.

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Vegas Odds to Win National Championship Game: 12/14/16



	Odds	which means if you:
#1 Alabama	4/11	Bet \$100, you Win \$36
#3 Ohio State	17/4	Bet \$100, you Win \$425
#2 Clemson	13/2	Bet \$100, you Win \$650
#4 Washington	15/1	Bet \$100, you Win \$1500

And here it is, your 2016 Bowl Games Guide!!!



[^] College Football Playoff Committee (CFPC) Rankings [^] Central Times
split decision means that Vegas, the computers, and simulation sites do not agree on the winner

Saturday, December 17



NEW MEXICO BOWL from Albuquerque, NM

- The  New Mexico Los Lonely Boys over the  Texas San Antonio Coyote Killers by 7 ½, 31-24 ~ 1:00 PM ESPN

LAS VEGAS BOWL from Las Vegas, NV

- Herman's Hermits of  Houston over the  San Diego State Born Free by 4, 28-24 ~ 2:30 PM ABC

CAMELLIA BOWL from Montgomery, AL

-  Toledo Love & Rockets over the  Appalachian State A-Listers by 1 ½, 30-28 ~ 4:30 PM ESPN

CURE BOWL from Orlando, FL



- Trick or Treat for  UniCeF over the  Arkansas State Former Native Americans by 7 ½, 28-21 ~ 4:30 PM CBS Sports Network

NEW ORLEANS BOWL from New Orleans, LA

- "Swim Like an Eagle"  Southern Mississippi over the  Louisiana Lafayette Okra Eaters by 4, 31-27 ~ 8:00 PM ESPN



Monday, December 19

MIAMI BEACH BOWL from Miami, FL

- “Small but Mighty”  Tulsa over “We already beat up your big brother!” 
Central Michigan by 13 ½, 39-26 ~ 1:30 PM ESPN



Tuesday, December 20

BOCA RATON BOWL from Boca Raton, FL

- Coaching Incubator  Western Kentucky over the  Memphis Grizzled of
Western Tennessee by 3 ½, 38-34 ~ 6:00 PM ESPN

Wednesday, December 21

POINSETTIA BOWL from San Diego, CA

- The  BYU Bold Young & Unkempt over “High Times”  Wyoming by 9 ½,
33-23 ~ 8:00 PM ESPN

Thursday, December 22

FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL from Boise, ID



- The  Colorado State Boboes over the  Idaho Small Potatoes by 13, 37-24
~ 6:00 PM ESPN

Friday, December 23

POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL from Nassau

- Lion-Hearted  Old Dominion over the  Eastern Michigan Everyman by 4 ½,
33-28 ~ 12:00 PM ESPN

ARMED FORCES BOWL from Fort Worth, TX



- **split decision:** The  Louisiana Tech La La's over the #25 (ish)  Navy
Flotsam by 2, 32-30 ~ 3:30 PM ESPN

DOLLAR GENERAL BOWL from Mobile, AL

- "The Face that Sunk 1,000 Ships"  Troy over the  Ohio Stray Cats by 5,
28-23 ~ 7:00 PM ESPN



Saturday, December 24

HAWAI'I BOWL from Honolulu, HI

- *No point spread from Vegas (MTSU QB questionable)—only in the LINE:* 
Middle (not Middlin') Tennessee State over the  Hawai'i Mahalo by 4 ½, 31-27 ~
7:00 PM ESPN

Monday, December 26



ST. PETERSBURG BOWL from Saint Petersburg, FL

- Academic Champs (?)  Mississippi State over the Lesser  Miami (OH) by
13 ½, 35-23 ~ 10:00 AM ESPN

QUICK LANE BOWL from Detroit, MI



-  Maryland CIA Trainees over the  Boston College Marooned by 1 ½, 23-21
~ 1:30 PM ESPN

INDEPENDENCE BOWL from Shreveport, LA



- The  North Carolina State Thelma Lou's over the  Vanderbilt Unmoored by
4, 24-20 ~ 4:00 PM ESPN2

Tuesday, December 27


HEART OF DALLAS BOWL from Dallas, TX

- **split decision:** The  Army Man Bats over the  North Texas Lawn Care Service by 11, 31-20 ~ 11:00 AM ESPN



MILITARY BOWL from Annapolis, MD

- #24  Temple of Doom over the Baptismal Font of  Wake Forest by 13 ½, 28-14 ~ 2:30 PM ESPN

HOLIDAY BOWL from San Diego, CA



- The Under-Ranked  Washington State Meandering Thoughts over the  Minnesota Duluth Trading Company by 9, 35-26 ~ 6:00 PM ESPN

CACTUS BOWL from Phoenix, AZ

- The  Boise State Ghost Riders in the Sky over the Waco BBQers of  Baylor by 7, 35-28 ~ 9:15 PM ESPN

Wednesday, December 28

PINSTRIPES BOWL from New York, NY

- #23 “Steel & Ketchup—what a pair!”  Pittsburgh over “Quiet Please”  Northwestern by 4 ½, 33-28 ~ 1:00 PM ESPN



RUSSELL ATHLETIC BOWL from Orlando, FL

- **split decision:** The Under-Ranked  Miami Blitzkrieg over Over-Ranked #16 “More Fingers, or More Teeth?”  West Virginia by 3, 30-27 ~ 4:30 PM ESPN

FOSTER FARMS BOWL from Santa Clara, CA



- Over-Ranked #19 “Do You Like My Hat?”  Utah over the  Indiana Lilly's by 8, 31-23 ~ 7:30 PM FOX

TEXAS BOWL from Houston, TX



- Under-Ranked “You can call me Trev”  Texas A&M over the  Kansas State Dean of Coaches by 2 ½, 28-26 ~ 8:00 PM ESPN

Thursday, December 29



BIRMINGHAM BOWL from Birmingham, AL

- “We’re gonna be Strong!”  South Florida over “We have the Will!”  South Carolina by 11 ½, 35-24 ~ 1:00 PM ESPN

BELK BOWL from Charlotte, NC

- The Under-Ranked #22  Virginia Tech Double Beer Name (Bud Foster) over Feral  Arkansas by 8 ½, 34-26 ~ 4:30 PM ESPN

ALAMO BOWL from San Antonio, TX—a Top Twelve “Wild West Show”

- **split decision:** The #10  Colorado Rock Hoppers over the Over-Ranked #12  Oklahoma State Mullets by 4 ½, 33-28 ~ 8:00 PM ESPN



Friday, December 30

LIBERTY BOWL from Memphis, TN



- **split decision**: Total Chaos U  TCU over “Well, next year should be good”

 Georgia by ONE POINT, 27-26 ~ 11:00 AM ESPN



SUN BOWL from El Paso, TX

- The #18  Stanford Prius Owners over the Powder of  North Carolina by 3, 30-27 ~ 1:00 PM CBS

MUSIC CITY BOWL from Nashville, TN

- #21 “Not This Year, Vols”  Tennessee over the  Nebraska Popped by 3, 31-28 ~ 2:30 PM ESPN

ARIZONA BOWL from Tucson, AZ



- “Lightning Crashes”  Air Force over Up-n-Down  South Alabama by 12 ½, 34-21 ~ 4:30 PM American Sports Network

ORANGE BOWL from Miami, FL—*Top 11 Consolation Action*



- #6 “Hot Under (and Over) the Collar”  Michigan over the #11  Florida State Flaming by 9, 31-22 ~ 7:00 PM ESPN

Saturday, December 31



CITRUS BOWL from Orlando, FL—a *Top 20 “Louie Louie” Mash-Up*

- **split decision**: Under-Ranked #20 Heaux Heaux Heaux  LSU over #13 “Hey that’s my Heisman”  Louisville by 2, 30-28 ~ 10:00 AM ABC



TAXSLAYER BOWL from Jacksonville, FL

- The Casey Joneses of  Georgia Tech over “Bucket of Chicken”  Kentucky by 4 ½, 33-28 ~ 10:00 AM ESPN

PEACH BOWL - CFP SEMIFINAL GAME from Atlanta, GA

- The #1 High Priest of  Alabama over the #4  Washington Slackers by 12 ½, 33-21 ~ 2:00 PM ESPN

FIESTA BOWL - CFP SEMIFINAL GAME from Glendale, AZ



- The #3  Ohio State Non-Champions over #2 “Too Often, a Close Shave”  Clemson by 5, 31-26 ~ 6:00 PM ESPN

Monday, January 2



OUTBACK BOWL from Tampa, FL

- **split decision**: The Over-Ranked #17  Florida Periodontal over the Under-Ranked  Iowa M*A*S*Hers by ONE POINT, 21-20 ~ 12:00 PM ABC

COTTON BOWL CLASSIC from Arlington, TX—*Top 15 Group of 5 Instructional League*

- The #8  Wisconsin Shipwreckers over Over-Ranked the #15  Western Michigan Edmund Fitzgeralds by 7 ½, 31-23 ~ 12:00 PM ESPN

ROSE BOWL from Pasadena, CA—a *Top Ten Collision*

- The #9  USC Unusually Societally Conscious over the #5  Penn State Typing Correction Fluid® by 4 ½, 33-28 ~ 4:00 PM ESPN

SUGAR BOWL from New Orleans, LA—a Top 15 Also Rans Contest

- #7 “Two Halves = One Heisman?”  Oklahoma over the #14  Auburn
Gusseted by 2 ½, 31-28 ~ 7:30 PM ESPN

Monday, January 9

CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME from Tampa, FL

- #1 Alabama / #4 Washington winner vs. #2 Clemson / #3 Ohio State winner ~ 7:00 PM ESPN

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Don't follow the old masters' footsteps,
seek what they sought.
To learn about pine trees, go to the pine tree;
to learn of the bamboo, study bamboo.
—Basho

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